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SENATE BILL NO. 352

Senate Amendments in [] — February 1, 2010

A *BILL to amend and reenact § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009, relating to the delayed implementation of certain regulations and state statutes related to the accreditation of schools.*

Patron Prior to Engrossment—Senator Obenshain

Referred to Committee on Education and Health

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 1 of Chapter 463 of the Acts of Assembly of 2009 is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§1. That no statutes or regulations prescribing additional requirements upon which the accreditation rating of schools in the Commonwealth is based, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:3 of the Code of Virginia, beyond those already in effect on July 1, 2008, shall become effective before July 1, ~~2010~~ 2011, unless such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or court action. Furthermore, that no statutes or regulations prescribing additional graduation requirements, pursuant to § 22.1-253.13:4 of the Code of Virginia, shall become effective before July 1, ~~2010~~ 2011, unless such statutes or regulations are also specifically required by federal code, federal regulation, or court action. Furthermore, the passing rates required for full accreditation in ~~2010 - 2011~~ 2011 - 2012 based on assessments administered during the ~~2009 - 2010~~ 2010 - 2011 school year shall be the same passing rates required for full accreditation during the 2008 - 2009 school year. [*Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, schools with a graduating class shall meet prescribed thresholds on a graduation and completion rate index, as prescribed by the Board of Education, for accreditation ratings for 2011-2012.*]

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